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Application of: Zhengming CHEN

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**STATUS REQUEST**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP § 203.08, Applicant requests to be advised of the status of the above-identified application. A response to Notice to File Missing Parts was filed on April 8, 2004 and this application was published on August 5, 2004. Although the December 20, 2005 Official Gazette indicates that the "AVERAGE FILING DATE OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVING A FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS" for Technology Center 1620, is 24 June 2004, Applicant has received no Office Action on the merits to date. Accordingly, attorneys for Applicant respectfully request to be informed of the status of this application.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this paper. However, should a fee be due, please charge the required amount to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Respectfully submitted,

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